



PTO/SB/08a/b (08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2008. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/B/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (Use as many sheets as necessary)				Complete if Known	
				Application Number	09/866,311-Conf. #4324
				Filing Date	May 25, 2001
				First Named Inventor	David A. Cook
				Art Unit	3745
				Examiner Name	F. D. Lopez
				Attorney Docket Number	06007/37458
Sheet	1	of	1		

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number Number-Kind Code ² (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
*		US-4,658,970	04-21-1987	Oliphant	
		US-5,034,892	07-23-1991	Saotome	
*		US-5,195,864	03-23-1993	Drake et al.	
*		US-5,513,491	05-07-1996	Broenner et al.	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document Country Code ² -Number ³ -Kind Code ⁵ (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		JP-58121305	07-19-1983	Kozo		
		JP-63265023	11-01-1988	Satoru		
		JP-05163745	06-29-1993	Satoru		
		JP-09078633	03-25-1997	Yasuhiko		
		EP-0482248	04-29-1992	Saotome		
		DE-19913784	05-31-2000	Braunig		
		DE-3909205	05-23-1990	Reich		
		WO-WO 99/07950	02-18-1999	Rausch		
		EP-1003939	05-31-2000	Rausch		
		EP-0388641	09-26-1990	Reich		

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T ²
*		European Search Report dated May 11, 2004 received in European Patent Application No. EP 04004513	

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

* Previously cited
** not a reference, per se

Examiner Signature	<i>F. Daniel Lopez</i>	Date Considered	9/13/04
--------------------	------------------------	-----------------	---------